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D CLEVELAND

The Mid-Winter Meetings of our owship are again to be held in veland, Ohio. There probably will a score of meetings of various ups, some of them beginning as ly as Wednesday, January 16, and ers continuing until Thursday, the h. The editor of The Pacific has been informed as to whether or all of those who are entitled to end from our Conference plan to present.

Those holding official positions are follows: Rev. Vere V. Loper, derator and member of the Execue Committee of the General Coun; Rev. Stuart LeRoy Anderson, ce-President of the American Board; v. William E. McCormack, Presint, and Mrs. Scott Haymond, mem, of the Board of Home Missions; . Harry E. Drobish, member of the uncil for Social Action; Mrs. W. B. ckham, President of the Federation Congregational Women; Rev. Ben S. Gaskell, President of the CWM State Chairmen; Superintendt Harley H. Gill; Director of Chris n Education George W. Lindsay. v. Ralph V. Conard, Pastor-at-large, l not be in attendance.

Does your church have any boys n the military service? Wouldn't ou like to have them feel that wherever they go they belong to a nited fellowship of Protestants? The United Christian Youth Movement is asking for the support of he UNITED FELLOWSHIP OF PROTESTANTS. Each pastor may elp prepare the young people rom his church who are entering he Armed Forces and encourage hem to affiliate with a unit wher-ver they are serving. Cards of introduction to the chaplain are available. Information and requests for ntroduction cards should be sent to Henry R. Rust, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

UMMER CAMPS

The Conference Youth Work Comttee has announced the following hedules for camps at Cazadero this mmer:

June 14-21—San Joaquin - Upper y-Redwood PF.
June 21-28—North Central - South ntral PF.
June 28-July 5—Westbay PF.
July 5-12—Eastbay PF.
July 12-19—First Family Camp.
July 19-26—First Junior Camp.
July 26-August 2—First Junior High mp.
August 2-9—Second Junior High mp.
August 9-16—Second Family Camp.
August 16-23—Second Jr. Camp.
August 24-September 2—State Pilim Fellowship Camp.
Sept. 2-7—Third Family Camp.
pt. 7-14—Student Camp (tentative).

For the first time, there will be ree Family Camps and two Junior mps. Readers are asked to note that e schedule for Family Camps has en changed from that noted in the st issue of The Pacific.

"PILGRIMS PLUS" P.F. AT STOCKTON

One hundred seventy-five young people returned to their churches as "Pilgrims Plus" following the annual Midwinter Pilgrim Fellowship Conference. The Conference this year was held on the campus of the College of the Pacific in Stockton, on December 27, 28, and 29. Rev. Allan Hunter of Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church was the headline speaker, addressing the Conference on the theme, "The Pilgrim Plus," on Thursday evening and Friday morning. Unfortunately, Dr. Hunter was taken ill Saturday morning, but Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, of Palo Alto, delivered a magnificent address on the theme with just seven minutes' notice! Quest Groups and PF Clinics each afternoon were led by ministers and youth advisers of the Conference churches. The Conference delegates had the opportunity to visit the Port of Stockton and a Sikh temple, said to be the only one in the West. The Conference closed with a moving Communion Service conducted by Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor of our Stockton Church, in the beautiful Morris Chapel of the college. Warren Meadowcroft, of Mill Valley, was chairman of the Program Committee, while David Parry, Plymouth Church, Oakland, headed the Arrangements Committee. Rev. Gordon L. Foster, of Mill Valley, was director of the conference, and Rev. Earnest Liddell, associate pastor of the Stockton Church, served as adviser to the Arrangements Committee.

McPeek Meetings

During the month of December, we were fortunate to have in our Conference Rev. Francis W. McPeek, Industrial Relations Secretary of the Council for Social Action. He was invited by the Conference Social Action Committee to hold a series of meetings to acquaint leaders with a draft statement on Christian Action in a World in Crisis. This statement is to be analyzed at the local level with the hope that a grass roots statement may be forthcoming dealing with the Christian basis for social action.

Meetings were held at San Jose, Hayward, Martinez, Sacramento, and Tulare. It was reported that over 350 people attended the meetings, and there may be 40 groups which will continue a study of the statement and present concrete suggestions to the Council offices in New York upon completion of their work.

SPEAKER AT CLEVELAND

Superintendent Harley H. Gill has been invited to give two addresses at the Midwinter meetings in Cleveland. He will be closing speaker at the luncheon given by and in the interests of the Board of Home Missions. At a joint meeting between officials and staff members of the Board of Home Missions and the Conference superintendents, he will give one of two opening addresses in which he will outline the growth of the state conference and the functions which it has come to exercise.

PASTORS GATHER

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, great radio preacher and former pastor of the Riverside Church in New York, will be one of the Earl lecturers at the Pastoral Conference this year. He will give three lectures on "A Faith for Tough Times." For more than 25 years, Pacific School of Religion has sought to secure Dr. Fosdick for the Pastoral Conference. Dr. William F. Albright, noted scholar and archeologist, will give another series of lectures on "Archeology and Religion in the Old Testament." The worship services will be led by Rev. John McGill Krumm, dean and rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Los Angeles. Classes will be conducted by the seven members of the faculty of the school, including Rev. Jack Finegan, Dr. Georgia Harkness, Dr. Ralph Hyslop, Dr. Sherman E. Johnson, Professor Loofty Levonian, Dr. John H. Otwell, and Miss Margaret Lobb.

There will be five workshops, for which strong leadership has been provided.

The dates of the Pastoral Conference will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 19, 20, and 21. It will be held at Pacific School of Religion and University Christian Church, but with the evening lectures at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

WATCH FOR FEBRUARY

The usual church by church list of benevolence giving is being omitted from the January issue. Since the books are held open until the 10th of January for 1951 receipts, such a tabulation could not be made in time. In February final reports of O.C.W.M. and Thank Offering will be printed.

RACE RELATIONS

Churches that desire literature for Race Relations Sunday for worship services or programs for all ages may order the same from Rev. Galen R. Weaver, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Plymouth House put on a coffee hour at the church following one Sunday morning service to honor those who had joined the church during the year. About 400 attended. The young people had a workday in which a remarkable amount of repair and painting was done. Rev. Kenneth Kinnear, the director of Plymouth House, has visited some student groups in San Mateo and Stockton.

FAMILY LIFE CAMPS

The Conference Committee on Family Life has announced the names of the Directors of the three camps which will be held under their sponsorship at Cazadero this summer. Rev. James Senter, of Eureka, will direct the first camp, July 12 to 19; Rev. Richard C. Norberg, of Hayward, will direct the second camp, August 9-16; and Rev. John C. Mickle, of South Berkeley, will direct the third camp, September 2-7. This last camp will run for a period of just five days instead of the customary seven.

SUPT. GILL TO END TERM OF SERVICE

Superintendent Harley H. Gill announced at the January meeting of the Conference Board of Directors that his resignation would be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Conference in May to take effect on December 31 of 1952. The announcement was made at this early date in order to make possible an early search by the Board of Directors for a successor. Under the By-Laws of the Conference, the Board of Directors nominates a superintendent, but he is elected by the Conference itself.

Superintendent Gill will have served as superintendent exactly 23 years when his resignation takes effect, although he was associated with Dr. Minchin one month before taking office. His resignation will include the stepping aside from the editorship of The Pacific and the registrarship of the Conference.

Choice of Tours

A good many Congregationalists take extended trips now and then. What about combining a vacation and a sightseeing trip with a chance to inform oneself of our work in various areas? Traveling seminars are provided by our different agencies as follows:

To Puerto Rico—March 2-14.
To Southern U. S. A.—March 17-April 2; April 14-May 1.
To Eastern Asia—May 12-June 18.
To Mexico—June 11-18.
To Europe—July 2-August 20.
To Southern, Midwestern, and Western U.S.A.—October-November.

The Conference office can put you in touch with sources of information.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STATE COUNCIL

The annual meeting and dinner of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches is to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Oakland, on the evening of January 24. Speakers will be Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and Dr. E. H. Pruden of Washington, D. C., the President's minister. Tickets at $2.25 may be secured from pastors of churches and should be secured early since the capacity of the building is less than half of the number of tickets that have been sent out. Tickets purchased earliest will have preference.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 24—Annual meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches.

February 19-20-21 — Earl Lectures and Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

April 13—Easter.

April 17—Annual Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Broadmoor Church, San Leandro.

May 23-24-25—Annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, First Church, Oakland.

June 2-3-4—Spring Session, Federation of Congregational Women at Cazadero.

June 17-25 — General Council of Congregational Christians Churches at Claremont.

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Hurrah For Us!

In a recent issue of ADVANCE we find the names of several of our churches on the ADVANCE honor list, which means that at least 10 per cent of the membership are subscribers. We lift our hats and raise a cheer for Auburn, Eureka, Fairfax, La Selva Beach, Petaluma, San Jose, and Woodside.

HAYWARD—Eighteen new members were received the first Sunday of December. Families of the church were enlisted in opening their homes on Christmas Day to foreign students at the University of California and to young men stationed at Parks Air Force Base. The ministers of the church are Rev. Richard Norberg and Rev. Verne Robinson.

A Commmon Disease

This disease is peculiar to church members. Have you ever been afflicted with it? The symptoms vary, but it never lasts for more than a few hours, and there is never any need for a physician. It is very contagious, and if too recurrent, it is fatal to the soul.

Here is a typical case history: The patient rises hale and hearty and eats a good breakfast. Suddenly the attack hits him, usually around 9 o'clock and it lasts till about noon. However, the attack eases off in order to allow the patient to eat a hearty dinner. The patient is so improved by afternoon that he can go for a drive or even play golf. In the evening he is able to partake of another good meal, appears quite recovered and suggests that he feels like taking in a movie. The next morning he is entirely back to normal and continues so all week—until the strange disease strikes again suddenly the next Sunday morning.

—Richard Norberg.

PLEASANT HILL, HILLCREST—The contractor has promised that he will be finished with the new building early in February, and dedication is being planned for later in the month. Men of the church are doing the painting on Saturdays. Quantities of gravel have been spread around to make the building accessible. A choir of sixteen voices sang for the first time at the Christmas services, but had to be seated in the kitchen of the parsonage. The Church School has been meeting in eight homes, with fourteen teachers and an attendance averaging 125. Rev. Robert L. Carlson is pastor.

A NEW YEAR PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred—let me sow love.
Where there is injury—pardon.
Where there is doubt—faith.
Where there is despair—hope.
Where there is darkness—light.
Where there is sadness—joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving, that we receive.
It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned.
It is in dying, that we are born to eternal life.

—Selected.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST—More than 400 people were in attendance at the midnight vigil candle-lighting service Christmas eve. On the last Sunday of December 27 new members were received, bringing the total for the year to 165, a remarkable achievement for this downtown church. The annual meeting of the church will be held on January 16. The building improvement fund has now reached more than $36,000. Rev. William E. McCormack and Rev. Joseph D. Redinger are pastors.

FAIRFAX—This church was host to Protestant youth from Marin County when Jim Price presented the work of the Christian Youth Movement. The church building has been very attractively redecorated. The Every Member Canvass brought pledges of over $5,000, which with other resources will cover the budget completely. Rev. James W. Montgomery is pastor.

WEST SAN JOSE PROJECT

The first meeting of the Sponsoring Committee for the West San Jose project has been held and the committee has organized. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall is the chairman, Mr. Eugene Schroeder is the vice-chairman, and Senator Herbert C. Jones the treasurer. An active search is going on for a leader for the project. A suitable sign-board is to be erected on the property purchased by the Church.

CAN HUMAN SPIRITS COOPERATE FOR THE COMMON GOOD?

By HARLEY H. GILL

Our readers know that the first issue of The Pacific came out in August, 1851, but due to the omission of some issues, Volume 100 was completed with the December, 1951, issue.

For many of the early years of the publication of The Pacific, Rev. Joseph A. Benton, who was editor, wrote a forward-looking editorial for the first issue of each new year. The present editor lacks the eloquence in the use of the English language that the first editor had, and to undertake to write a review and a forecast for the first issue of Volume 101 would require space beyond that which is available, but some attempt to strike a note for the beginning of a new century is certainly in order.

What a century it has been through which The Pacific has lived! Dare one attempt any history? One thinks of Alexander Graham Bell and the telephone, of Thomas A. Edison and the electric light, of Marconi and the wireless, of the radio and now, television.

This has been the century of the coming into use of the internal combustion engine and the discovery and development of the oil resources of the world. Thus has come about the automobile, the airplane, the great ships that circle the earth, and the submarine.

It should not be forgotten that the first transcontinental railroad was finished in the early years of that century. (Incidentally, Dr. Benton pronounced the invocation at the groundbreaking ceremonies.) Cities have come to be heated by gas and the streets illuminated by electricity. The end of the century saw something of the dawning of the use of atomic energy.

There have been many wars. One can mention only a few. First, of course, the War Between the States. (Incidentally, Pacific was of real help in holding California for the North.) Then the Franco-Prussian War, with such important results for the whole world, particularly in the unification of the German nation. Then the Spanish-American War, in which our country became a world-wide empire and a maritime nation, particularly in the Pacific area. No one needs to comment on the effect of the First World War, the Second World War, and now, the so-called "cold war" with a very hot one in Korea. One must contemplate the changes in such world powers as the decline of England, the integration and then the dismemberment of Germany, the rise of Russia, the far-reaching events in the Middle East, and the generating of the visions and ambitions of people for better conditions in even the remote parts of the world.

As Dr. Benton and others of the early pioneers saw clearly, California has become one of the leading states, third in population and soon to be second. Not only has its agriculture been developed, but it has become an industrial and commercial commonwealth and is an important sharer in world trade.

The past century has seen not only scientific research beyond anything that could have been imagined before and mechanical development that makes one wonder how much farther it can go, but also the rise of educational institutions. High school education is becoming universal, and one is simply staggered by the growth of colleges and universities — our own University of California, which had such modest beginnings with the efforts of early Congregational and Presbyterian ministers, now being the second university in the world in total enrollment and first in attendance by resident students. It should not be forgotten that we have our Pacific School of Religion as a result of the vision of the same men who gave us the beginnings of our university.

One should not overlook the fact that Charles Darwin published his thought-shaking theories in the early part of this same century, and the critical interpretation of the Bible came into wide acceptance among the scholars of the world as a result of the work of Kuenen and Wellhausen in their writings in the decade following 1870.

Finally, when The Pacific was launched, there were only 30 Protestant churches in California with not more than 1,500 members and not more than 1/6 of them in the Congregational and New School Presbyterian churches. Today there are two conferences of Congregationalists alone with 224 churches and a membership of something like 75,000. The second great trek to California between 1940 and 1950 was simply a wave in what had been a steady flow of population from East to West, but it brought a gain of 53% in population. Our Congregational membership increased substantially, but less than 39%.

The century through which The Pacific has lived has been truly a great century, but when one reviews the tremendous development, some disturbing questions arise: "What about the unimportant uses to which inventions are put?" Thoreau remarked about "improved means to unimproved ends." One must shudder because of the destructiveness of weapons and the fearful cost of producing them when we have not learned the procedure of living together in peace. One might also cry out against any further inventions or even education and declare that we have had enough of all of that unless the suspicions and jealousies and misunderstandings and competitions and hatreds that are so manifest in this world are overcome by something better. As the Marine who came out of the Korean brush with his clothing and hands dripping with blood, having seen his buddies' bodies torn to shreds, shouted, "There must be some better way than this!"

What we are calling for as Pacific faces a new century is what preachers and statesmen and economists and military leaders are calling for, but which, in spite of all that we know, continues to escape us. Is it too much to say that we should address ourselves to the great unanswered question, **"Can human spirits cooperate for the common good?"** Hitler said, "No." Joseph Stalin would probably say, "No." Many among us know that that is the fundamental question but still doubt that an affirmative answer can be given because of their lack of belief in "human nature."

That is the question that **must** be answered. That is the question that **can be answered.** That is the question for which we as Christians have to answer. The answer stems from the life and words of Jesus who emphasized the value of human personality. We can afford to declare a moratorium upon almost any other effort for the advancement of the human race.

The world through which we have been living is notable for its ability to get things done. To make any headway our religion must get things done. There is no use in convincing men that there is a God unless we can show what godly lives are like. There is no use of persuading men that Christianity is a superior religion unless we can show that it makes superior men. There is no use in talking for peace unless we can show how peaceably minded men conduct themselves. There is no use in trying to answer the question, "Can human spirits cooperate for the common good?" unless we put the common good first ourselves. There is little value in saying that it is the religion of Jesus that will solve the problems until we make the demonstration of solving our own problems in the light of its teachings.

Can human spirits cooperate for the common good? Jesus said, "Yes." The church in the highest moments of the two millenniums of its existence has said, "Yes." Deep from the recesses of our own hearts the answer comes, "Yes," and that is what The Pacific must be trying to say as it faces a new century of its existence.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA AR-EN—One of the heaviest programs be undertaken by any church in a -month period will include a finan- l campaign for $50,000 for addition- units in the church plant. This npaign will be under the direction Dr. George C. Dowey, well known many of our churches. Then in ruary will come the campaign of itation evangelism with Dr. Ira D. ck of New York furnishing the petus and the training. Thus it is ped a great building and a great ganization will soon be ministering this tremendous community. Rev. eph Chester has recovered from a ll of pneumonia. Rev. Mary Ches- has been almost overwhelmed by e great numbers of people attending e Christmas functions.

BERKELEY, CHINESE — The mes of all Chinese pupils in the blic schools have been secured that e church may learn of new people. ne proceeds of the women's bazaar nounted to $500 which has made ssible the reaching of the $3,000 al for a nursery in the new building nen erected. Several of the young ople took prizes in an intercultural ir in the East Bay with objects of t of their own creation. The Christ- as Party was held at the First Con- egational Church. Dr. Hoh Yam- ng is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH — On Sun- y, December 2, a group of young ople from Mill Valley, San Mateo, ncord, San Carlos, and other urches who were scheduled to hold meeting on Christian Life Work at azadero met at this church because a storm up-country. Mr. Kenneth inney has completed ten years as easurer of the church and has earned good rest. He was at one time easurer of the Conference. Rev. Villiston Wirt is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, PILGRIM—his is the new name for the church familiarly known as Ocean View. nday. School attendance is already owding the new building and church tendance very encouraging. Rev. arl Olson, pastor, has been gladdened the news that a friend of the Con- rence is making possible a complete ew set of attractive and efficient office rniture and equipment.

ALTURAS — Rev. Rowland Dow, ho served in the Marine Corps as a aplain during the last World War d who is a licensed pilot, now shares ownership of a plane and visits out- ing parts of his great parish in lodoc County by flying. He is the odern counterpart of the old circuit der who went on horseback.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE — Rev. alph V. Conard, Conference pastor- large, is serving as interim pastor. ev. Norman Pendleton was pulpit uest on December 16. A group of oung adults makes up the choir and o useful things, including the deco- ting of the church and helping in ne Sunday School.

SANGER — Rev. Ed Hildebrand rries on since the church has been nable to find a successor for him. le does social work in Tulare County ut finds time to conduct services at anger and has charge of a confirma- on class.

PETALUMA — Rev. Herbert C. ans is recovering from his recent lness and is occupying the pulpit each unday. The offering at the Church chool pageant was devoted to Kansas ood relief.

FRESNO, FIRST — The three Christmas services had a total attendance of 1400 people. The offerings for the day were more than $2,000. Thirty-four new members were received on December 16, bringing the total for the year to 146. Friends of the church, including Jewish and Catholic people, have underwritten five stained-glass windows for the church tower which will include seals of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, the World Council, the National Council of Churches, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Inter-church Youth seal of the National Council. Rev. John H. Gregg and Rev. Benjamin T. Schwab are pastors.

LODI, FIRST—A new directory of the church has just been completed. The 1952 budget is well subscribed. At the monthly potluck dinner, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest M. Fowler were given a pantry shower. The Plymouth Players put on a Christmas drama at Clarksburg, two different times in Lodi and once in Elk Grove. A recording was made of the Christmas services so that shut-ins and patients at the county hospital might have a chance to hear it.

BERKELEY, FIRST—The average attendance at the fall seminar series was 310. By November 17, $47,000 had been pledged for the work of the church during 1952 with many more pledges to come in toward the goal of $61,000. Rev. Vere V. Loper, pastor, baptized 14 little children at the traditional Christmas Service of Baptism on the afternoon of Christmas Sunday. Fifty new members were welcomed into the church on the first Sunday of December.

ORINDA — The Christmas service was held at the Orinda Theater, with 700 persons in attendance. Members of the Rotary Club and their wives were guests at the Sunday morning service on December 9. Average attendance on Sunday morning almost equals the seating capacity of the chapel. Rev. Fred R. Morrow has announced that beginning the first Sunday of January there will be two morning services of worship.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED—The building improvement fund has reached $17,500. At the colorful Christmas Tree Party each person brought an article of canned or packaged food as a love gift for needy families. These gifts were delivered by the young people when they went carolling. Rev. J. Paul Coleman is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH — Rev. Ralph V. Conard, pastor-at-large of the Conference, was the speaker at the budget dinner of this church. Members were asked to add $10 to last year's pledge to care for the cost of roofs and improvements to the heating equipment. Rev. Philip G. Murray is the pastor.

PITTSBURG — The ninth annual Christmas Eve candlelight service was held at 11:00 p. m. Six girls were light bearers, and a mother and her own baby presented the Madonna scene. The choir furnished lovely music. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

PESCADERO — The church has never had its own water supply, so a well has been dug by the men which will be a great improvement. New heating equipment and building repairs are in prospect. Mr. Joseph Krueger is pastor.

LOOMIS—A banquet by the members of the Church Board was tendered to Rev. and Mrs. Harry Martynse on December 10 in appreciation for the four years they have worked in the Loomis Church. All departments of the church have grown. Church attendance is at an all-time high. On some evenings the Pilgrim Fellowship has as many as 40 in attendance. The Sunday School has a complete set of officers, and many improvements in the church property have been made. Twenty members have been received this year, with five more waiting.

STOCKTON—Attendance at worship shows a substantial gain over 1950 and 1949, and the number of new members will approach, if it does not exceed, the total number received in any one of the 18 years of the pastorate of Rev. Noel J. Breed. The bazaar made a profit of over $1,200. Rev. Earnest Lidell was a tower of strength in the local arrangements for the Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference.

MIRA VISTA — A well attended communion service was held at 11:30 on Christmas Eve. The Women's Fellowship is having surprising success in securing and paying for dining room and kitchen equipment. Two services of morning worship each Sunday will be started in February. It is hoped that conditions of flood and mud are in process of correction. Through a friend of the Conference, the pastor, Rev. Gifford M. Webster, will have attractive and adequate office equipment and furnture.

SURPRISE VALLEY — At the County Fair a good layman passed the hat and secured $73 for the children's hymnal for the Junior Choir, which now makes its appearance in choir robes. An opportunity seems to be developing for the religious work of Surprise Valley to be extended to include Fort Bidwell. Some new people have come into the community who seem to be willing to take leadership. Rev. C. A. McCalmon is pastor.

PORTERVILLE—Rev. Luther H. Vogel, who has been director of Christian education although living at Avenal, has been forced to give up his work at Porterville because of the distance—at least during the winter. The annual candlelight service was most inspiring, Mrs. Willis L. Goldsmith, wife of the minister, being the director.

SOQUEL—Three choirs furnished music at Christmas, the Junior Choir, the Pilgrim Choir of young people, and the Chancel Choir. New robes have been provided. There are over 30 boys active in the Cubs. Each year a beautiful outdoor reproduction of the Nativity Sceen in life-size figures is arranged. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

SAN MATEO—Seven new members were received on December 9. Subscriptions to the budget showed a 15% increase so that the total for all sources for the coming year will be approximately $40,000. Rev. Benton Gaskell has recovered from surgery.

FRESNO, JAPANESE — In order more nearly to meet the goal for Our Christian World Mission the church is to give half of its Easter and Thanksgiving Day offerings. Rev. Norio Ozaki is pastor.

PARADISE — Twenty-four new members came into fellowship on the first Sunday of December. Rev. John G. Dunstan is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ—Rev. Ed Cunningham was selected as the citizen of the week by Rip Tide, a pictorial weekly. The article points out that Mr. Cunningham officiates at athletic contests, is chaplain for the California National Guard, member of the Rotary, Elks, Masons, and Odd Fellows. To this Pacific may add that he represents the Congregational fellowship on the Comity Commission, is chairman of our Church Extension Committee, and member of the Modesto and West San Jose Sponsoring Committees.

CALAVERAS COUNTY — The reed organ at Angels Camp has been refurbished and a blower installed. The Murphys Women's Fellowship has undertaken the support of a foster child in Europe through the appropriation of $15 a month. Attendance during the Christmas season was good in spite of inclement weather. Mr. William Holladay is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER—The Benton Club, which is an organization of men, is having a series of talks on "Basic Concepts of Major Religions." This church is planning on sharing in the United Sacramento Churches Crusade which is to contact the unchurched. Rev. Orval S. Clay and Rev. Torrance Phelps are pastors.

ANTIOCH — This church joined with other churches of Antioch and vicinity in arranging for the entertainment on Christmas Day of service boys at Camp Stoneman in the homes of the people. Thirteen new members were received into the fellowship of the church on December 16. Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

RENO, NEVADA—Supt. Harley H. Gill was the preacher on the first Sunday of January. During the day he met with various committees engaged in considering revision of the Articles of Federation. Six members were received recently. Rev. W. W. Hanne is pastor.

SOUTH BERKELEY COMMUNITY—Twelve new members were received on December 16. The building fund now stands at $16,000. Rev. John Charles Mickle gave about twelve days to a study of the Sacramento, Oak Park Church.

MARTINEZ — Six new members were received December 2, bringing the total to 73 for the year. Mr. Philip Brink, student at Pacific School of Religion, has been engaged to be youth assistant for the current year. Rev. Donald Gaylord is pastor.

CLOVERDALE — The women of the church raised more than $500 at a successful bazaar. A fund has been raised to provide for new church chairs. Rev. J. H. Bennett is back on the job after a period spent in the hospital.

SUISUN—The tower of the little church has been floodlighted and wired for sound, so that the effect of the combination of illumination with the playing of chime records added much to the enjoyment of the Christmas season. Rev. G. A. Larue is pastor.

PLEASE ATTEND

The annual Year Book blanks have been mailed to the churches. These blanks provide the only dependable record of the statistics of our churches together with a list of the officers of the churches for the use of the Conference and the General Council. Ministers, church clerks, and treasurers are urged to complete the blanks at the very earliest possible moment and return them to the Conference office.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The next regular meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women will be held on Thursday, January 17, 1952, at the First Church, Oakland, at 10:30 a. m. The speaker will be Mrs. Harry Drobish, who with her husband went to Europe last summer on the tour directed by Ray Gibbons of the National Council for Social Action. She will show pictures and will give a most interesting talk.

A special meeting of the Executive Board was called for Wednesday, December 12, 1951, at the home of Mrs. James H. Price, Oakland. Twenty-seven members responded to the call, and the meeting was a time of happy fellowship even though it had a very full business agenda.

The dates for Spring Session at Cazadero were set for June 2, 3, and 4 in the hope the sun will shine and the birds will sing to entertain the delegates. Mrs. Price resigned as chairman of the committee and director of Spring Session as the Prices are moving to Southern California the first of February. The Prices will be greatly missed in our Conference, but the Southern Conference will gain much from their presence. A new director will be chosen at an early date to plan Spring Session.

Two other resignations were accepted with regret: Miss Ina Hamman, Printing Committee, and Mrs. David Blair, Hospitality Committee. New appointments will be made.

Mrs. W. B. Buckham brought several items to the attention of the Board: promotion of the national magazine of our fellowship, the "Advance." She urged all groups to remember the request of the national Boards to send forth "Idle Dollars" left in their treasuries at the end of the year to roll into the Conference office to help toward the goal set for Our Christian World Mission. Some are already rolling in. One's imagination would like to roll with them and see all that they accomplish. The controversy over the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican is of great importance, and each individual should register her disapproval to the President and to her Senators when the Congress reconvenes in January, 1952.

Mrs. Ira Coe, Courtesy Chairman, told the group that Mother Goodsell had gone into the hospital early in the week for surgery. At noon Mrs. Enman went to the hospital and took Mrs. Goodsell to her home; and upon her return to the meeting, Mrs. Enman brought back to the Board the never faltering love Mrs. Goodsell carries in her heart for the Federation and its work. She is now in her nineties and through the years has been and still is an inspiration to all who know her.

Mrs. Ralph Conard, for the committee on revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Federation, introduced the discussion on suggested changes. Taking stock of machinery is always valuable. Sometimes it seems not to need oiling or replacements, but sometimes a new design should be considered. The revised edition will be presented at the next meeting.

The president, Mrs. Buckham, will attend the Midwinter meetings of the Missions Council and of the Women State Presidents at Cleveland, Ohio, in January. She has been asked to speak on the topic of "Evening Groups," and especially of our experiment of having a Federation meeting on Sunday afternoon and evening as we did in September to give these groups an opportunity of attending.

1951 is finished! It has given us much in friendship, work, and shared concerns. We have tried to walk in our communities with open eyes to see not only the beauties of earth and people, but also the places where our hands could help, our smiles encourage. Some of us have accomplished a satisfying amount, but some of us wish we had, or could have done more. California NEEDS CHURCHES. She needs earnest, able church men and church women. This Federation has been a power for good in the years past because of the people in it. May it grow in grace and wisdom in 1952, serving its place of leadership with even greater strength. As we have passed the Advent season

May the face of each of us turn again
Toward the birth of Godliness in men;
And having caught a glimpse of Eternal Goodness,
Reflect the shining Light of the wondrous Love
Along whatever path our feet shall walk.

—Grace Buckham.

Our Hip Wo School

(By Carol Green Wilson)

FAMILY LIFE in San Francisco's Chinatown has become vividly familiar to readers of Jade Snow Wong's delightful FIFTH CHINESE DAUGHTER. In these pages, too, it is possible to trace the origin of an institution that has become partially the responsibility of the Congregational Church and of special interest to the women who made it the recipient of this year's Thank Offering.

Christian Chinese, like Jade Snow Wong's father, were farsighted enough many years ago to realize that even as their children were learning the lessons of a new country and a new religion they should not be allowed to overlook the language and culture of their racial ancestors. That this instruction should be given under Christian leadership, men of his caliber supported Chinese Language Schools as part of their churches' programs.

For a few years practically every denomination tried to conduct such a school, but it soon became apparent that no one of them alone could furnish faculty or a sufficient number of students to have a thoroughly graded and efficient school. Thus it was that Hip Wo—the Chinese Union Christian Academy—came into being, with the resources of Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational groups.

Rev. B. Y. Leong has completed twenty-one years as principal; and his son-in-law, the Rev. T. T. Taam (a graduate of the Pacific School of Religion), now pastor of the Chinese Methodist Church, is the dean. For many years the scholarly Rev. T. Y. Tse, pastor emeritus of the Presbyterian Church, directed the religious education department—a position in which his successor in the 100-year-old church, the Rev. K. T. Wong, is carrying on. But Dr. Tse remains loyally on the Board, always directing the fund-raising activities of the Chinese committee.

The faculty changes often, as it is made up in part of students working for their degrees at San Anselmo Theological Seminary, the Pacific School of Religion, or one of the universities or colleges in the Bay Region. Because teaching is carried on in late afternoon or early evening, it is possible to augment the income of these young scholars and at the same time to offer to the young people of Chinatown instructors with broad and differing backgrounds.

For the Cantonese who comprise most of the population of our Chinatown, the fact that their children are taught both to read and write in official Mandarin has special significance. In addition to that fundamental language training, the children are taught the classics, geography, and, for the older ones, Chinese philosophy and poetry.

As one of the graduates of the class of 1937, Jade Wong describes the intensive preparation for this event. By now, she says, her studies emphasized "ancient literature (which had to be memorized by heart!), contemporary national literature, T'ang poetry, caligraphy, composition, and Mandarin." The picture she paints of herself trudging to school with a brief case filled with brushes, inkpad, tablets, scratch paper, pencils, all the books for her class subjects and a dictionary explains somewhat the conscientious student who later made her alma mater, Mills College, so proud of her achievements.

In the pages of her book she also tells of the cooperation at home when she would trail her father around his overall factory armed with her newly assigned lesson from the Academy and all the Chinese and English-Chinese dictionaries in the house, discussing new words and their interpretations so that she arrived at school "fortified with the knowledge of two minds instead of one."

But all is not work at Hip Wo. Extra-curricular activities keep the morale high. Music, dramatics, public speaking prepare these youngsters for adult leadership in their individual churches and in the community. Sports round out their development, while the brightly costumed drum corps has made the name of Hip Wo famous for all who have watched the colorful parades of Chinatown through the years.

Actually the citizenry is grateful to this Academy for more than its educational contribution. Their children are kept off the dangerously traffic-congested streets after school hours. With energies directed toward useful ends they acquire that sense of belonging and pride in their organization which carries over into the adult life that is transforming Chinatown into one of the city's progressive sections.

The Board of Directors who back the faculty in all their efforts is composed of three Chinese and three Caucasion members of each of the contributing denominations, and it is interesting to note that Jade Snow Wong, now Mrs. Ong, has succeeded her father on the Board. The current president is the Rev. Edwar Le brother of Ching Wah (who is known to movie-goers for his part in THE GOOD EARTH and other Hollywood successes and to collectors of Chinese art for his remarkable museum on old Chinatown — once Cameron Alley). He is superintendent of Methodist Chinese work in this area.

Representing the Congregational Church on the Board are Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Miss Helen Perkins of Berkeley, and Mrs. E. V. Krick who served as president for many years.

It would take many more columns to list the enterprising graduates who are justifying daily the investment in Hip Wo; but many of the readers of this magazine know Superintendent Gill's secretary, Pauline Louie, who spends her leisure as superintendent of the Sunday School in the Chinese Congregational Church. They may know, too, the efficient public health nurse in Chinatown, Ida Dear, a Congregational leader in community affairs, the YWCA, and the educational program of the Chinese Hour on KSAN. Other denominations could point with pride to similar leaders, some of whom, like Tim Chew, have carried their training far afield. A graduate of the University of California, Tim was for some time a safety engineer for the city of San Francisco and now has gone to Thailand for a truck concern.

Surely, whatever we as Congregationalists have added to the funds of this Chinese Union Christian Academy has been invested in an enterprise that continues to contribute to the more abundant life—the pledge and hope of all Christians.

MINISTERS' WIVES TO MEET

The Congregational ministers' wives are planning on meeting on Wednesday, February 20, during the Pastoral Conference. A luncheon will be served just as soon as the forenoon session of the Conference comes to a close. The place, the price, and other arrangements will be announced by postcard in ample time.

MRS. ABBY M. F. GOODSELL

In the early morning of Sunday, January 6, two days before her ninety-sixth birthday, Mrs. Abby Goodsell, beloved mother in Israel, went home. She had come through surgery at the hospital surprisingly well. Her life was a benediction and her passing a triumph.

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